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SUBJ: UNCTAD CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE  
TO COMMODITIES AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

REF: (A) GENEVA 5182, (B) GENEVA 4848

1. SUMMARY: SYG COREA MET WITH GROUP B MORNING OF JULY 5  
TO REVIEW THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS ENVISAGED FOR COMMODITIES  
AND OTHER SUBSTANTIVE AREAS RESULTING FROM UNCTAD IV. COREA  
WAS ALMOST TOTALLY UNCOMMUNICATIVE, STATING THAT THE  
SITUATION WAS STILL TOO MUCH IN FLUX TO GIVE THE GROUP ANY  
INFORMATION ON THE SECRETARIAT'S THINKING. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY GENERAL COREA, IN A MEETING JULY 5 WITH  
GROUP B AT THE GROUP'S REQUEST, AVOIDED GIVING ANY SPECIFICS  
AT ALL ON THE SECRETARIAT'S THINKING ON THE SCHEDULE FOR  
MEETINGS RESULTING FROM DECISIONS TAKEN AT NAIROBI. HE  
OPENED BY STATING THAT HE WISHED HE COULD BE ENLIGHTENING  
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BUT THAT THE SECRETARIAT'S PLANNING HAD NOT SUFFICIENTLY

JELLED TO BE ABLE TO BE SO. HE NOTED THAT PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS OF THE UNHQ AND THE ACABQ ON STEPPING UP THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO MEET THE PROGRAM OF WORK ADOPTED AT NAIROBI, BUT THAT THESE HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS. HE PROMISED TO INDICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE GROUP THE SECRETARIAT'S THINKING IN RECOGNITION THAT THE VARIOUS MISSIONS IN GENEVA HAD TO MAKE THEIR OWN PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING 18 MONTHS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FROM GROUP B DELEGATIONS, COREA INDICATED THAT ALL COMMODITIES ON THE LIST OF 18 CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 93(IV) WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED TO SOME DEGREE, BUT HE HAD NO SPECIFICS ON WHEN OR HOW EACH WOULD BE DEALT WITH. HE DID SAY THAT WHERE THERE ARE ALREADY AGREEMENTS THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO CALL FOR FRESH NEGOTIATIONS. HE INDICATED THAT THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT'S PURPOSE WAS TO BRING ABOUT AS MANY SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS ON THE COMMODITIES LISTED. HE EMPHASIZED HIS WISH TO AVOID THE "DIVORCING" OF THE CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES FROM THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM. HE FELT THAT EXISTING INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS OR DISCUSSIONS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY IN PRODUCER/CONSUMER FORA (READ COPPER) SHOULD FORM A BASIS ON WHICH FURTHER UNCTAD CONSIDERATION COULD BE BASED. IN PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COPPER AND THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE INITIATED LAST MARCH, HE STATED HE FELT THAT CONSIDERATION OF ANY FURTHER MEETING OF THE P/C GROUP WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RESOLUTION 93(IV) OF NAIROBI.

4. CONCERNING THE FUNCTION OF AD HOC COORDINATING GROUP, COREA INDICATED ONE OF ITS TASKS WOULD BE TO GIVE APPROVAL OF THE TIMETABLE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS BUT THAT THE SECRETARIAT DID NOT BELIEVE IT COULD WAIT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AD HOC GROUP BY THE OCTOBER SESSION OF THE TDB. MEETINGS WOULD HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED BEFORE THE OCTOBER BOARDS. AT THIS POINT, THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION SUGGESTED THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OCTOBER TDB TAKE AS A FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AD HOC GROUP SO THAT IT COULD SCHEDULE ITS FIRST MEETING BEFORE THE END OF THE TDB SESSION, TO WHICH COREA REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BEAR THE SUGGESTION IN MIND AND, SHOULD THE NEED BE FELT, HE WOULD ACT ACCORDINGLY.

5. IN RELATION TO THE MEETINGS ON THE COMMON FUND,

COREA STATED HE WANTED TO MAINTAIN A "FREE-HAND" ON THE COURSE OF THE DIALOGUE ON THE COMMON FUND, BUT REPEATEDLY STATED THAT AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING OF SOME SORT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE END OF SEPTEMBER. HE COULD NOT ELABORATE ON THE INTERRELATION BETWEEN MEETINGS ON THE COMMON FUND AND THE PROGRESS OF CONSULTATION AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, BUT MERELY EMPHASIZED THAT CONSIDERABLE WORK WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

6. COREA HIMSELF ADMITTED THAT HE LACKED SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO COMMENT ON THE SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS OTHER THAN ON COMMODITIES, BUT HOPED THAT THE PRESSURE OF MEETINGS REQUIRED BY THE RESOLUTIONS OF UNCTAD IV COULD BE USED TO "RATIONALIZE" THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AS A WHOLE. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC QUESTION, RIDLER (DEPUTY CHIEF, COMMODITY DIVISION) INDICATED THAT THE NOVEMBER TUNGSTEN MEETING WAS TO GO AHEAD AS PLANNED. COREA TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY DIVISION TO OUTLINE THE PROPOSED COURSE OF MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE TENTATIVE PLANS OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY DIVISION: CODE OF CONDUCT-FIRST MEETING OF THE IGG ON THE CODE NOVEMBER 8-19, 1976, FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS IN FEB, APR, AND JUNE OF 1977. THE SECRETARIAT BELIEVED THAT THE UN CONFERENCE ON THE CODE COULD BE SCHEDULED IN EARLY 1978 DESPITE THE REQUIREMENT IN RES. 3362 (S-VII) THAT WORK BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1977. CONCERNING THE "REVISION OF THE PATENT SYSTEM", THE SECRETARIAT NOTED THAT 5 MEETINGS WERE SCHEDULED BY WIPO ON THE REVISION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION FOR 1976-77, AND THAT UNCTAD WAS PLANNING TO CONVENE A GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING ON THE SUBJECT IN JULY 1977

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FOR A SEVEN DAY SESSION. A MEETING OF EXPERTS ON THE "BRAIN DRAIN" QUESTION WAS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6-14, 1977. THIS CALENDAR OF MEETINGS ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONS WOULD BE CULMINATED IN A MEETING OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN NOVEMBER 1977. IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SERVICES, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVISION STATED THAT NO CONCRETE PLANS HAD YET BEEN FORMULATED.

7. COMMENT: DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS TO PIN HIM DOWN, COREA'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE GROUP B WAS A VIRTUOSO PERFORMANCE IN VAGUENESS, AND EVASIVENESS. IT LEFT GROUP B, IF ANYTHING, MORE BEFOGGED THAN BEFORE, SUBSEQUENTLY, A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE SERVICES DIVISION INDICA-

TED PRIVATELY THAT COREA WAS GENUINELY UNDECIDED ON HOW  
TO PROCEED; NOT NECESSARILY IN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMODITIES  
DEVISION PROPOSALS (SEE REFTEL B); AND SEARCHING FOR A "WINNER"  
TO LEAD OFF THE CONSULTATIONS.ABRAMS

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